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ANTI-CHIANG MOVEMENT IN YUNNAN PROGRESSES

When Chian-Kai-shek's followers shouted, "Consolidate the Southwest, resist the Communists to the last," a strong anti-Chiang movement sprang up in Yunnan. Students and laborers had long hoped for the rapid infiltration of Communist troops into the South so as to bring about the capture of Chiang. Even the top Yunnan officials refused to cooperate with those who sided with Chiang. To most people Chiang is no longer "The Great President." He is regarded more like a "rat" scurrying across the street with everyone waiting to hit him. His past prestige is all gone. News of his retirement was welcomed by everyone in Yunnan.

When Chiang disrupted the peace talks, he not only angered those who were sincerely hoping for peace but antagonized even his fellow KMT members. Many began to hope for the rapid collapse of his dynasty.

The issuance of orders from Ch'i-k'ou mobilizing Hu Tsung-nan's troops and sending the Eighth Army into Yunnan further aggravated the rising anti-Chiang feelings throughout the province. This action not only endangered the people, but threatened the authority of Governor Lu Han. Backed by the Yunnan Assembly, Lu Han protested vigorously to the Nan-ching Government against the decision of dispatching KMT troops into Yunnan. His objection ignored, he subsequently issued an order to his subordinates to refuse cooperation with any incoming troops.

The whole affair shows the bitter hatred of Yunnan officials toward the Central Government. Lu Han hates to see his province invaded by KMT troops, and will undoubtedly fight Chiang's detachments.

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